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TO

Authorize the Appointment of Barristers for the Purpose of effecting a complete annual Revision of Lists and Registry of Voters for the City of Dublin, and to remove Doubts as to the Rate Books for the Purposes of such Registry.

[Note.—The Words printed in *Italics* are proposed to be inserted in Committee.]

Preamble. 2 & 3 W. 4. c. 88.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the Second and Third Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, Chapter Eighty-eight, the Chairman of Sessions for the County of Dublin was authorized and empowered to register Voters for Dublin City, and it was thereby enacted, that it might be lawful for him to discharge the Duties of all Registries subsequent to the First by Deputy, qualified and approved of as therein mentioned, whose Acts were to be of the same Efficacy as if done by the said Chairman, and who was to be remunerated in manner therein mentioned: And whereas by another Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, Chapter Sixty-nine, the said Chairman and his Deputy having Jurisdiction under the said recited Act for the Registry of Voters were and each of

13 & 14 Vict. c. 69.

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of them was authorized and empowered to hold a Court for the Purposes of the new Registration and the annual Revision of the Lists therein particularly specified, which Court was to be held at the Times and during the Periods therein specified, and for such Services the said Chairman and the Deputy so appointed by him as aforesaid were to be remunerated as in the said last-mentioned Act specified: And whereas Conway E. Dobbs, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, was appointed such Deputy of the said Chairman, for the Purpose of discharging the Duties imposed on the said Chairman by the said Acts: And whereas such Deputy held his Court for the Purposes of such new Registration and the Revision of such annual Lists for the City of Dublin for the Year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-two between the Eighth of September (inclusive) and the Twenty-fifth of October (inclusive) in the said Year, pursuant to the said Act of Her said Majesty: And whereas, exclusive of the Persons claiming to be registered before the said Deputy in the said last-mentioned Year whose Names had been entered on the Lists of the Town Clerk of the City of Dublin, and by him transmitted as by the said Act required, there were during the Period of holding the said Court a great Number of Persons who claimed to have their Names inserted in such Lists and registered as Persons entitled to vote whose Names had been altogether omitted by such Town Clerk: And whereas, owing to the great Number of such Applications, the said Deputy was unable to complete the Revision of such Lists or to perfect the Registry of Electors for the City of Dublin for the Year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-two within the Time limited and prescribed by the said Act: And whereas many Persons, though they duly served Notice of their Claims to be registered, have been for such Reason deprived of an Opportunity of asserting and establishing their Right to the Franchise: And whereas the Registry and Revision so made are consequently imperfect, and it is expedient to preclude the happening of a like Occurrence for the future: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows; (that is to say,)

Appointment of Barristers to discharge Duties imposed on Chairman of Sessions of the City of Dublin.

I. For the Purpose of having henceforward a complete annual Revision and Registration of the Parliamentary Voters for the City of Dublin, it shall and may be lawful for the said Chairman of Sessions of the City of Dublin, with the Consent of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of Ireland for the Time being, and he is hereby authorized and required, in each Year, by Warrant under his Hand, to nominate and appoint any Number of Barristers of the Irish Bar, not less than *Three* and not exceeding *Six*, of *Six* Years standing

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standing at the least, to be in the Place and Stead of the said Chairman of Sessions of the City of Dublin, in order, by Subdivision between them, to discharge the Duties imposed on the said Chairman by the said recited Acts; and when *Three* or more Barristers shall have been so appointed for the said City they shall attend at the same Place, but shall sit apart from each other, and hold separate Courts at the same Time, for the Despatch of Business, such Courts to be Courts of Record, and to be held for and during such Period in each Year as may be limited and prescribed in such Warrant of Appointment.

Barristers to have the same Powers, &c. as the said Chairman.

II. All the Powers, Duties, Rights, and Privileges given and imposed by the said Acts or either of them to or upon the said Chairman and his Deputy, or to the Court which they were authorized to hold, are and shall be by virtue of such Warrant given to and imposed upon such Substitutes and the Courts they are respectively by this Act authorized to hold, save only the Power of appointing any Deputy under them or any of them; and all Acts to be done by such Substitutes, or any or either of them, shall be of the same Efficacy in Law as if done by the said Chairman upon whom such Duties would have otherwise devolved under the said Acts, or by his Deputy duly appointed; *and each of such Substitutes shall receive the same Amount of Remuneration in all respects as the Deputy of such Chairman duly appointed under the said Acts would have been entitled to receive.*

Barristers to revise Register of Parliamentary Voters for the City of Dublin.

III. The Register which shall be so annually made, revised, and corrected by the Substitutes so to be appointed as aforesaid shall be so made, revised, and corrected on or before the *Twenty-fifth Day of October* in each Year, and shall be the true and only annual Register for the Time being of Parliamentary Voters for the City of Dublin; subject only to such Appeal as is provided for by the said recited Act of the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty.

Short Titles.

IV. The Barristers so to be appointed as aforesaid shall be called by the Name of "Revising Barristers;" and that in citing this Act in any Instrument, Document, Pleading, Proceeding, or Act of Parliament it shall be sufficient Designation to use the Expression "The Dublin Parliamentary Revising Act (1853)."

Removal of Doubts respecting Rate Books.

V. And whereas Doubts have arisen as to whether the Books of the Collectors General of Taxes in the City of Dublin, or the Books of the Boards of Guardians of the North and South Dublin Unions of the said City, are the Rate Books contemplated by the said Act of the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty,

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Majesty, and it is expedient to remove such Doubts: Be it therefore enacted, That the Books of the said Collector General of Taxes shall be deemed and taken to be the Rate Books contemplated by the said last-mentioned Act, and that the Tender or Payment of the Poor's Rate by the said Act directed to be made, and the Notice of Claim to be rated, in like Manner directed to be served upon the said Guardians, shall in future be made to and served upon the said Collector General of Taxes, either in Person or through the Clerk in the public Office of the said Collector General, in manner as directed by the said Act.

Dublin Parliamentary Registration.

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